INCREASED VALUES SAYS HIRSHFIELD FOR TAX PURPOSES CUT HIS REPORT ON IN COURT RECORDS LANDLORD GOUGING

Mayor's Old Rent Commit-

tee at Inwood Meeting.

Landlord Cases Before Mayor's Charge Is Made by Member of Committee Also Considered by Assessors.

Deputy tax assessors now working the field, fixing the taxable value Forum filed the auditorium of Public action of New York's real estate for next School No. 52 on Academy Street last year, can find valuable information night to tell Senator Lockwood and in the records of the Municipal Courts his Rent and Housing Committee p and the Mayor's Committee on Rent what they thought should be done by

Profiteering.

It is known that next year's expenses of City Government will be Charles L. Goldsmith, the chief incompanies of the Mayor's Commitpenses of City Government will be \$50,000,000 more than this year, and the word has gone out from the City Hall that there must be no increase in the tax rate.

It is up to the deputy tax assessors to discover second by the committee that he had bandled \$5,000 cases of profiteering he gave it as his opion that \$5 per cent. of the landlords who

basis for computing taxable value of real estate. The Municipal Courts and the Mayor's Committee records reveal many cases worth attention by the deputies. For example:

Tenants at No. 120 East 31st Street complain to the Mayor's Committee that Brown, Wheelock Co., No. 10 Bast 45th Street, demand \$1,800 for apartment beginning Oct. 1, now renting for \$1,300 Rate of increase, 40 per cent. Present assessed value, \$120,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value 1920-21 would be \$168,000. Increase, \$48,000.

Tenant at No. 1857 Broadway complains to Mayor's committee that Sojen Realty Corporation demands \$150 a month, beginning Oct. 1, for apartment now renting for \$75. Rate of increase, 100 per cent. Present assessed value, \$575,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value for 1920-21 would be \$1,150,000. Increase, \$575,000.

Tenant at No. 250 West 194th Street complains to Mayor's Com-mittee that Nessoit & Lansing. Broadway and 89th Street, demand \$2,000 a year, beginning Oct. 1, for apartment now renting for \$1,250. Pate of increase, 60 per cent. Present casessed value, \$250,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value 1920-21 would be \$400,000. In-

crease, \$150,000.

Tenant at No. 547 West 142d Street complains to the Mayor's Committee that Wood & Doison, Broadway and 144th Street, demand \$150 a month. beginning Oct. L. for apartment now renting for \$95. Rate of increase 58 per cent. Present assessed value, \$230,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value for 1920,1921 would be \$363,400. Increase \$132,400.

Tenant at No. 87 Hamilton Place complains to Mayor's Committee that Walter C. Kohn et al. No. 501 Fifth Avenue, demand \$1,200 per year, beavenue, demand \$1,200 per year, beginning Oct. 1. for apartment now renting for \$840. Rate of increase, 44 per cent. Present assessed value, \$215,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value for 1920-1921 would be \$309,600. Increase \$24.800.

Joseph Atz, attorney, No. Joseph Atz, attorney, No. 1318
Hroadway, complains to Mayor's Committee that Versullies Holding Corporation, No. 55 Liberty Street, through agents. Sharp & Co., demand greatly increased rentals on Nos. 605-607 West 118th Street. Atz states that for apartments occupied by thirteen tenants who are his clients, now renting for an aggregate of \$13,005, beginning Oct. 1 \$30,350 will be demanded. Rate of in-trease, 70 per cent. Present assessed value, \$228,000. If increased in pro-

value, \$228,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value for 1920-1921 would be \$327,600. Increase \$155,600.

Tenant at No. 617 West 143d Street complains to Mayor's Committee that M. von Raitz, No. 612 West 143d Street. demands \$90 a month for apartment, present rental \$65. Rate of increase, 40 per cent. Present assessed value, \$110,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, taxable value for 1920-21 would be \$154,000. Increase, \$44,000.

value for 1920-11 would be \$10\$,000. Increase, \$44,000.
Tenant at No. 58 East 94th Street complains to Mayor's Committee that Duff & Conger, 85th Street and Madison, Avenue, demand \$109 a month, beginning Oct. 1, for apartment now renting for \$75. Rate of increase, 50 year cent. Present Assessed Value. per cent. Present assessed value, \$80,000. If increased in proportion to above rental, the taxable value for 1920-21 would be \$120,000. Increase,

On these few pieces of property, taken at random from the thousands is the records of the Mayor's Committee and the municipal courts, where landlords and tenants have litigated, the increased values available for taxation, indicated by the statements of the various tenants, aggregate \$1.126,600. This value at the present tax rate will produce

3 BOYS ACCUSED OF SWINDLING BANK

One Charged With Posing as Doctor to Cash Bad Check in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 13 .-Three youths charged with forgery are under arrest here to-day. They are: Charles Kauff, sixteen yeers old, of No. Sta William Street, Brooklyn; Edward Nielson, seventeen, of No. 73 Buffolk Street, Manhattan, and Herman Schwartz, nineteen, of No. 3750 Market Street, Philadelphia. They are alleged to have been obtaining money under false pretences and passing worthless

Representing himself as Dr. William Carrington, a prominent Atlantic City physician, Schwarts, according to the police, arranged for the cashing of a check by telephone, securing \$316.12 at the Marina Trust Company Wednesday. The bank found the check was bogus and sent a tip to other banks in the district.

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Schwartz called at the Atlantic City
National Bank yesterday, the police de-chared, and presented a chek for 182.24.

He was arrested, The two other youths
later wore asserabended.

lords were making from 25 to 175 per cent, on their investment Chairman

Lockwood interrupted to say:

"Your report to the Legislature does not show that, Capt. Goldsmith." to which the speaker hotly retored, "No because eighty pages of my report were stricken out by David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts."

Mr. Goldsmith said he would give

the Lockwood committee a copy of his original report.

Otherwise the meeting was one of suggestions, the principal one of which was to have an understandable construction placed on the present rent laws. Many tenants declared that no, hurden of proof should be statutory laws, and a serious situations. that no burden of proof should be placed on the tenant at all. It was pointed out by Philip M. Goodhart. Chairman of the forum, that in all other court hittgations the proofs must "which will give ample opportunity any influence in curing the under-be made by the persons bringing the action. He reasoned, as did others, that thefe should be no line of de-marcation, such as 25 per cent, but from public statements made by off-marcation, such as 25 per cent, but from public statements made by off-ganizations and officials of the cities Members of the Inwood Civic

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\$50,000,000 more than this year, and the word has gone out from the City Hall that there must be no increase in the tax rate.

It is up to the deputy tax assessors to discover enough increased values to frame to the extra \$50,000,000. Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Board of Taxes and Assessments, says that rental returns form one important basis for computing taxable value of the mayor's Committed that his action in to way impaired the value of the report, "which, even as printed, was 50 per cont. bunk, "After a conference with several that his action in to way impaired the value of the reports of verbiage, self-glorification, specches and assays for political purcellant properties and handed \$5,000,000. Jacob that his action in to way in the count of the Legislative Commi

session, to convene at the capital on the undemocratic way of thinking

by individuals and organizations of approximately 255,000 people in the State to give, an opportunity for the wherein the unrepresented Assembly presentation of measures intended to bring relief. The Legislature at its without representation in the Assembly at the housing conditions, should be without representation in the Assembly at the extraordinary session." eration to the question of housing. A number of statutes were passed to affect the relations of landlord and tenant, to the end that there may be a check upon some of the abuses made possible by the shortage of

"These measures have undoubtedly "I am setting the extraordinary served a useful purpose, but it was session at a date," said the Governor, never expected that they would have

rather elimination of any division of cials of the cities, the emergency is throughout the State have been grap-Commissioner of Accounts Hirsch- in the passage of helpful legislation pling with the complicated problem of housing, and no doubt from their ef. forts will come some suggestion look-

connection with the proclams tion for the special elections, he says.

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